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Trisha A. Morgan

From: Bob Stump on behalf of Stump-Web
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2009 2:34 PM
To: Trisha A. Morgan
Cc: 'aho@azleg.gov'
Subject: FW: Thank you from the Horsmanns

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-----Original Message-----

From: Jeanne & Rob Horsmann [mailto:bugle2@earthlink.net]
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2009 10:03 AM
To: Stump-Web
Subject: Thank you from the Horsmanns

Commissioner Stump,

Thank you for all the time and dedication you put into your ACC duties. I could see that you did not vote against Newman amendment #1 lightly, but rather it appeared to be a difficult decision for you. I deeply respect that decision.

What is seemingly not apparent to many people is that the Sonoita Reliability Project is not about reliability. The public SSVEC presentation was for the Sonoita/Patagonia Reliability Project. A new

69 kV sub-transmission line will not make the V7 service area more reliable, especially if that line goes through the grasslands of the Babocomari Valley. Fire is a fact of life in the grasslands.

Approximately 8 years ago a huge wildfire swept across the Research Ranch then the Babocomari Ranch. Linda Kennedy and a maintenance man single handedly saved all but one of the Ranch buildings. A wall of flame, documented multiple times as over 100 feet high, went from the Canelo Hills to the south to the Mustang Mtns on the north in less than 45 minutes. A distance of over ten miles. The proposed 69 kV line poles are either 55 or 65 feet tall depending on which SSVEC presentation you refer to. The only access to the Babocomari River Valley is from each end of a twenty miles stretch. It took a type six fire crew (driving a 4X4 F250 size brush truck) over two hours to get to the middle of the ranch during one of our last big fires.

SSVEC linemen, who's job it is to perform line maintenance stated in reference to the proposed route "this will be a maintenance nightmare".

SSVEC apparently has never paid for the present easement along highway 82, to Elgin road, and into Sonoita, but it is deemed impossible to put a new line on that route.

Thank you again for your dedication. We now a much work to do and time to do it.

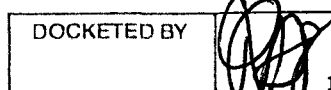
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Rob & Jeanne Horsmann
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